

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Agreement with Foreign Countries in Agriculture

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently signed any agreement with foreign countries including Israel to uphieve insulate agriculture from loss and increase production of crop;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to implement the above mentioned agreement;

(d) whether Centre of Excellence (CoE) have been set up in collaboration with Israel in many states in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up CoE in Bihar and if so, the details thereof and the effective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. During last three years, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has signed 15 MoUs/Agreements with foreign countries for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. As a part of implementation of the Agreement signed with Israel on 24.12.1993, a Work Program, titled "India-Israel Development Cooperation" for the years 2018-2020 have been signed on 5.07.2017. Details of MoUs/Agreements signed during last three years, are as under:

Year Country(s)

2014 Morocco, Vietnam.

2015 Mongolia.

2016 Armenia, Madagascar, Lithuania, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Brazil.

2017(till date) UAE, Kenya, Portugal, Mauritius, Poland, Palestine.

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The areas for cooperation in these MoUs/Agreements inter-alia include cooperation in research and development, increasing productivity, post-harvest management, value addition/food processing, plant protection, animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries, enhancing trade and mutual exchange, reciprocal visits of scientists, mutual exchange of technical expertise, exchange of Germ-plasm, transfer of technology, setting up of centers of excellence in different fields to demonstrate new technologies etc.

(d): Under the Agreement with Israel, 27 Centers of Excellence (CoEs) for fruits, vegetables, flowers, date palms and brackish water have been sanctioned in various states of India viz. Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Mizoram. Out of these, 19 CoEs have been completed/ commissioned and are providing planting material and training to farmers.

(e): Out of the 27 CoEs mentioned above, CoE for Mango & Lichi at Vaishali and CoE for vegetable at Chandi, Nalanda are located in the State of Bihar.
